

MQAC CASE REVIEW DISPOSITION
Commission Meeting RCM Presentations

Respondent: ADAMS, BRANDON

Case Number: 2011-162015

Date Presented: <u>1-12-12</u>	RCM: <u>Gothold</u>	License#: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MD / <input type="checkbox"/> PA
Panel Chair: <u>Ruiz</u>	Staff Attorney: <u>Berg</u>	MQAC Clerk: <u>KRAMER</u>

PANEL A	Andison, Brantner, Burger, Clower, Concannon, Cullen, Elders, Green, Johnson, Pattison, Winslow
PANEL B	Cvitanovic, Dore, <u>Gothold</u> , <u>Harder</u> , <u>Harvey</u> , <u>Hensley</u> , <u>Hopkins</u> , <u>Marsh</u> , <u>Ruiz</u> , <u>Sen</u>

A. REQUEST FOR LEGAL ACTION : ☐ Summary Suspension ☐ Summary Action ☐ Practice Restriction

<input type="checkbox"/> Statement of Charges	<input type="checkbox"/> Statement of Allegations /Stipulation to Informal Disposition
<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawal of SOC	<input type="checkbox"/> SOA/STID for Voluntary Surrender
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Decision on Application: (Denied)	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawal of SOA
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Decision on Application (Granted with conditions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Correction

Alleged Violations—RCW 18.130.180:

<input type="checkbox"/> (1) Moral turpitude	<input type="checkbox"/> (10) Aiding and abetting	<input type="checkbox"/> (19) Treating by secret methods
<input type="checkbox"/> (2) Misrepresentation of facts	<input type="checkbox"/> (11) Violation of rules	<input type="checkbox"/> (20) Betrayal of patient privilege
<input type="checkbox"/> (3) False advertising	<input type="checkbox"/> (12) Practice beyond scope	<input type="checkbox"/> (21) Rebating
<input type="checkbox"/> (4) Incompetence	<input type="checkbox"/> (13) Misrepresentation or fraud	<input type="checkbox"/> (22) Interference with investigation
<input type="checkbox"/> (5) Out of state action	<input type="checkbox"/> (14) Failure to supervise	<input type="checkbox"/> (23) Current drug/alcohol misuse
<input type="checkbox"/> (6) Illegal use of drugs	<input type="checkbox"/> (15) Public health risk	<input type="checkbox"/> (24) Sexual contact/patient abuse
<input type="checkbox"/> (7) Violated state or federal law	<input type="checkbox"/> (16) Unnecessary or inefficacious drugs	<input type="checkbox"/> (25) Acceptance of more than nominal gratuity
<input type="checkbox"/> (8) Failure to cooperate	<input type="checkbox"/> (17) Criminal conviction	
<input type="checkbox"/> (9) Failure to comply	<input type="checkbox"/> (18) Criminal abortion	

Other Violations of Relevant State or Federal Law or RCW 18.130.170:

☐ Mental Impairment ☐ Physical Impairment

B. CLOSED AFTER INVESTIGATION:

<input type="checkbox"/> Application investigation only - Panel decides to grant without conditions	<input type="checkbox"/> A7-Mistaken identity
<input type="checkbox"/> A1-Care rendered was within standard of care	<input type="checkbox"/> A8-No jurisdiction
<input type="checkbox"/> A2-Complainant withdrew	<input type="checkbox"/> A11- No whistleblower
<input type="checkbox"/> A3- Unique closure (Panel must explain)	<input type="checkbox"/> A12-Risk minimal, not likely to reoccur
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A5-Evidence does not support a violation	<input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Misconduct : RCW 18.130.062 No standard of care MQAC retain / Refer to Secretary non clinical

OTHER EXPLANATIONS (Legal Review, Return to Investigation, etc.)

1)

2)

GUIDE FOR CLOSURE CODES

September 2011

Code	Closure	Description
	Application	Decision to grant an unrestricted license.
A-1	Care rendered was within standard of care	The evidence establishes that the respondent met or exceeded the standard of care.
A-2	Complainant withdrew complaint	The complainant withdrew the complaint, and the complainant's testimony is necessary to meet the burden of proof.
A-3	Unique closure (Panel must explain)	Any concerns regarding Respondent have been resolved through corrective action, license revocation, and suspension, death of respondent or other circumstances. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (explain): _____ _____ _____
A-5	Evidence does not support a violation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The evidence is not sufficient to establish by clear, cogent, and convincing evidence that Respondent violated any UDA provision. This includes situations in which the investigator was unable to obtain all material evidence.
A-7	Mistaken Identity	The case opened under the wrong respondent's name.
A-8	No Jurisdiction	Respondent is not licensed in Washington, has never been licensed in Washington, and is not applying for a license in Washington.
A-11	No Whistleblower Release	Complainant would not sign a whistleblower release AND the release of complainant's identity is necessary to prove a UDA violation.
A-12	Risk Minimal- Not likely to Reoccur	There is sufficient evidence that Respondent violated the UDA, but the evidence indicates that: (a) the violation is not likely to reoccur and (b) closure poses no more than a minimal risk to the public.

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Medical Quality Assurance Commission
MEMORANDUM TO FILE

DATE: 13 December 2011

CASE # 2011-162015MD

SUBJECT: Brandon ADAMS, MD

FROM: Wayne Carlson

DEA reported an interview by Federal agents of the husband of a patient of ADAMS. In this interview the husband stated that his wife (the patient) had stopped seeing ADAMS because of "advances" that were made. This was not further illuminated and interviews with the patient were planned.

We were advised of this interview by DEA and a case was opened. I only had a PO Box as address, so I requested a physical address from DEA. This address was received on 8 Dec. On 12 Dec I interviewed the patient who denied any problems with ADAMS and stated that she was seeing him until his office was "shut down." This agrees with a pharmacy profile that shows the patient receiving prescriptions until at least Oct 2011.

The patient related one incident "years ago" when ADAMS attempted to kiss her on the cheek, but she refused and he never did anything again.

I am therefore referring this case back to the Commission.

Wayne Carlson
Medical Quality Assurance Commission
December 13, 2011

12-14-11
JHS

**MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION
DECISION ON TRANSFERRING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT CASE
TO THE SECRETARY PER RCW 18.130.062**

Respondent: ADAMS, BRANDON	Case No: 2011-162015
Staff Attorney: CMT - TERESA LANDREAU	Date of Decision: November 16, 2011
Commission Members Making Decision: BRUCE CULLEN, MD; SUSAN HARVEY, MD; ELLEN HARDER, PA-C; MICHAEL CONCANNON, JD	
Decision: <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer case to Secretary (complaint does not involve clinical expertise or standard of case issues) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MQAC retains case (complaint involves clinical expertise or standard of care issues)	
Basis for Decision: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; margin-top: 10px; text-align: center; padding-top: 40px;">1 - Attorney Work Product - RCW 42.56.290</div>	

***Note:** The assigned Staff Attorney completes this form following the Commission's decision. The Staff Attorney places this form in the disciplinary file. The Staff Attorney sends an electronic copy of this memo to Mike Farrell, who will send a copy to the Secretary or designee.*

MQAC ASSIGNMENT MEMO

Case #: 2011-162015

Respondent: Adams, Brandon L. W.

Date Received: 11-16-11 Date Assigned: 11-16-11

Investigator: Wayne OHLSON

Priority: A X B C D Code: 24

____ Respondent Notification Letter

____ Complainant Acknowledgement Letter

____ Whistleblower Letter & Waiver

_____ Malpractice Letter

Abandonment	Health & Safety Violations	Neglect	Possible Summary Action	Sexual Misconduct ✕
Abduction	High visibility	No Patient Harm	Practice Beyond Scope	Single Complaint Process
Abuse	Imminent Harm	Non-Compliance	Prohibition in another state	Standard of Care
Action w/other state/jurisdiction	Inappropriate Communication	Other	Sanitation	Substance Abuse
Credential Application	Inspection Issues	Patient Abuse	Serious Injury	Testing Issues
EMTALA	Jurisdictional Questions	Patient Death	Serious Physical Harm	Transfusion Fatality
Exposure to physical/fire hazards	Mandatory Suspension	Physical Plant	Sexual Contact	Unlicensed Practice

Comments: _____

8/23/11

MQAC REVIEW
Case Number: 2011-162015

Date: November 14, 2011
Presented by: George Heye, MD

Respondent:	ADAMS, BRANDON LOWRIE WEST, MD	Pacific County
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Complainant:	US Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
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CASE SUMMARY

The Respondent:

Board Certified:	No. Self designation: General Practice, Psychiatry
DOB:	04/28/1932
Licensed since:	04/23/2010
Expiration date:	04/28/2012
Medical School:	1963--UNIV OF NE COLL OF MED, OMAHA, NE
Residency:	07/1964-06/1965--UNIV OF MD MED SYS, MARYLAND NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY 07/1963-06/1964--UNION MEM HOSP, MARYLAND GENERAL SURGERY

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Malpractice Settlement:

The Complaint: A former patient of the respondent reportedly saw him for care of a painful shoulder following numerous surgeries. The husband stated that the patient stopped seeing the respondent after he "made advances".

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Recommendation:

MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION

CMT

Review of Cases

CMT DATE/
Panel Members/
Decision:

MQAC CMT - NOVEMBER 16, 2011
Bruce Culler, MD, Chair
Susan Harvey, MD
Ellen Harder, PA-C
Mike Concannon, JD, Public Member

DECISION: ***Investigation authorized***

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The attached pages were reviewed:

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Recommendation:

Medical Quality Assurance Commission
MEMORANDUM TO FILE

DATE: 14 November 2011

SUBJECT: Brandon ADAMS

FROM: Wayne Carlson

In a TC today, Michelle Carroll (DEA) stated that DEA agents had obtained the following information:

Last week, DEA agents attempted to interview patient [4 - Healthcare Information Readily Id...]. She was not home but her husband stated that she had been referred to ADAMS for pain management after numerous shoulder surgeries. The husband stated that [4 - Healthcare Info...] quit seeing ADAMS after he "made advances." There was no further description of the encounter and DEA has not contacted the patient as of today.

They obtained the patient's name from a profile from Peninsula Pharmacy.

Case View Screen [update]

Case Status	2011-162015 (PUBLIC: Internal) Intake.	Date Created	11/14/2011	Audit Entry Items Documents Notes Master Cases Participants Add Master Case Timeline History
Respondent ID	362023	Date Received	11/14/2011	
Respondent	BRANDON LOWRIE WEST ADAMS	How Received	Phone	
Credential	MD.MD.00026765	Receiving Board	COMMISSION	
Address	BRANDON LOWRIE WEST ADAMS	Receiving Profession	Physician And Surgeon License	
	<input type="radio"/> Public <input checked="" type="radio"/> Mail	Receiving Department	Case Intake	
	BRANDON LOWRIE WEST ADAMS P.O. BOX 626 ILWACO, WA 98624	Received By	Cynthia R Hamilton	
		Alleged Issues		
		Sexual Misconduct		
		Case Nature	Sexual Misconduct	
Complainant ID	919176			
Complainant	US Department of Justice DEA			
Comments:				
SEXUAL MISCONDUCT				

- Action Items
- Resolution
- Participants
- Priority History
- HIPDB Reports
- TimeTracker

Action Items [add] [add group]

Type	Assigned To	Activity	Track Time	Due	Effective	Completed	Order Signed	Created	▼ User
Intake	Case Intake, Hamilton, Cynthia R		[add]	11/14/2011	11/14/2011			11/14/2011	Hamilton, Cynthia R
Target: BRANDON LOWRIE WEST ADAMS									
Warning: Warning Type: CASE PENDING									
Warning Effective Date: 11/14/2011									
Suppress License Print: NO									
Warning: 2011-162015									
Case Status: Status Changed To: Intake									
Action Info: Complaint Source Other Jurisdiction									
Possible Imminent Danger? No									
Single Complaint									
Process Coordination Needed? No									



AMA Physician Profile

Name and Mailing Address:

BRANDON LOWRIE ADAMS MD
PO BOX 626
ILWACO WA 98624-0626

Primary Office Address:

OCEAN BEACH CLINIC
ILWACO WA 98624

Phone: UNKNOWN

Birthdate: 04/28/1932

Physician's Major Professional Activity: OFFICE BASED PRACTICE

Practice Specialties Self Designated by the Physician*:

Primary Specialty: GENERAL PRACTICE

Secondary Specialty: PSYCHIATRY

*Self-Designated Practice Specialties/Areas of Practice (SDPS) listed on the AMA Physician Profile do not imply "recognition" or "endorsement" of any field of medical practice by the Association, nor does it imply, certification by a Member Medical Specialty Board of the American Board of Medical Specialties, or that the physician has been trained or has special competence to practice the SDPS.

AMA membership: NON MEMBER

_____ **All Information from this Point Forward is Provided by the Primary Source** _____

Current and/or Historical Medical School:

UNIV OF NE COLL OF MED, OMAHA NE 68198

Degree Awarded: Yes

Degree Year: 1963



AMA Physician Profile

Current and/or Historical Post Graduate Medical Training Programs Accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME):

Beginning with the 2010 cycle of the National GME Census, post-graduate training segments will include the name of the program attended in addition to the sponsoring institution. Program-level information prior to 2010 will not be available for reporting. Future training dates, as reported by the program, should be interpreted as "in progress" or "current" with the projected date of completion.

Post-graduate training performed at accredited osteopathic institutions or in Canada are updated on the AMA Physician Masterfile only upon verification by the program. US licensing authorities accept graduate medical education from both entities as equivalent to training performed in a US program accredited by ACGME.

Sponsoring Institution: UNIV OF MD MED SYS
Sponsoring State: MARYLAND
Specialty: NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY
Dates: 07/1964 - 06/1965 (VERIFIED)

Sponsoring Institution: UNION MEM HOSP
Sponsoring State: MARYLAND
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Note: If you have discrepant information, please submit a Request for Investigation to the AMA so that we may verify the information with the primary source(s). See the last page of this Profile for instructions on how to report a data discrepancy.

Current and/or Historical Medical Licensure:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>MD/ DO</u>	<u>Date Granted</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>License Type</u>	<u>Last Reported</u>
NORTH DAKOTA	MD	11/19/1989	12/31/1996	INACTIVE	UNLIMITED	11/01/2011
WASHINGTON	MD	09/10/1989	04/28/2012	ACTIVE	UNLIMITED	11/01/2011
WYOMING	MD	02/02/1987	06/30/2000	INACTIVE	UNLIMITED	04/10/2007
MONTANA	MD	01/20/1987	03/31/1991	INACTIVE	UNLIMITED	12/14/2004
IDAHO	MD	10/30/1977	06/30/2011	INACTIVE	UNLIMITED	08/02/2011



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OREGON	MD	01/09/1976	12/31/2009	INACTIVE	UNLIMITED	02/02/2010
OHIO	MD	08/10/1971	12/31/1979	INACTIVE	UNLIMITED	11/03/2011
MINNESOTA	MD	11/05/1965	12/31/1979	INACTIVE	UNLIMITED	11/02/2011
NEBRASKA	MD	09/30/1963	NOT RPTD	INACTIVE	UNLIMITED	07/28/2003

Current and/or Historical NPI Information:

<u>NPI Number</u>	<u>Enumeration Date</u>	<u>Deactivation Date</u>	<u>Reactivation Date</u>	<u>Replacement Number</u>	<u>Last Reported Date</u>
1295888063	01/18/2007	NOT RPTD	NOT RPTD	NOT RPTD	10/28/2011

ECFMG Certification:

Applicant Number:

Note: The Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) applicant identification number does not imply current ECFMG certification status. To verify ECFMG status, contact the ECFMG Certification Verification Service in writing at P.O. Box 13679, Philadelphia, PA 19101.

Federal Drug Enforcement Administration:

* Only the last three characters of active DEA number(s) are displayed.

<u>DEA Number *</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>	<u>Last Reported</u>
XXXXXX987	22N 33N 4 5	06/30/2012	10/06/2011

Address: PO Box 626, Ilwaco, WA 98624-0626

Note: Many states require their own controlled substances registration/license. Please check with your state licensing authority for requirement information as the AMA does not maintain this information.



AMA Physician Profile

Specialty Board Certification(s)*:

Specialty Board Certification(s) by one or more of the 24 boards recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and the American Medical Association (AMA) through the Liaison Committee on Specialty Boards, as reported by the ABMS:

The AMA Physician Profile has been designated by the ABMS as an Official ABMS Display Agent of Member Board Certification data. Therefore, the ABMS Board Certification information on the AMA Physician Profile is considered a designated equivalent source in regard to credentialing standards set forth by accrediting bodies such as the Joint Commission and National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).

Certifying Board: TO DATE, THERE HAVE BEEN NO BOARD CERTIFICATIONS REPORTED.

Certificate:

Certificate Type:

<u>Duration</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	<u>Reverification Occurrence</u>	<u>Last Reported</u>
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Note: For certification dates, a default value of "01" appears in the day or month field if data were not provided to AMA. Please contact the appropriate specialty board directly for this information. (**) Indicates an expired certificate.

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Medicare/Medicaid Sanction(s):

TO DATE, THERE HAVE BEEN NO SUCH SANCTIONS REPORTED TO THE AMA BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

Other Federal Sanction(s):

TO DATE, THERE HAVE BEEN NO FEDERAL SANCTIONS REPORTED TO THE AMA BY ANY BRANCH OF THE US MILITARY, THE VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION OR THE US PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.



AMA Physician Profile

Additional Information:

TO DATE, THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THIS PHYSICIAN ON FILE.

The content of the AMA Physician Profile is intended to assist with credentialing. Appropriate use of the AMA Physician Masterfile data contained on this Profile by an organization would meet the primary source verification requirements of the Joint Commission and the American Accreditation HealthCare Commission/URAC. The Physician Masterfile meets the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) standards for verification of medical education, post graduate medical training, board certification, DEA status, and Medicare/Medicaid sanctions.

If you note any discrepancies, please log onto our web site (<http://www.ama-assn.org/go/amaprofiles>) and go to the order detail page, select the ID following the physician's name and enter the data in question. Or you can mark the issues on a copy of the profile and mail or fax to:

Division of Database Products and Licensing
Attn: Credentialing Products
515 N. State Street
Chicago, IL 60654
800-665-2882
312 464-5900 (fax)

If you have questions or need additional information, please call the AMA Profile Service customer support line at 800-665-2882.

Credential View Screen

BRANDON LOWRIE WEST ADAMS

Address:

☐ Public ☒ Mail

BRANDON LOWRIE WEST ADAMS
P.O. BOX 626
ILWACO, WA 98624

ID 362023
Warnings CASE PENDING
SSN/FEIN 3 - DOH Licen...
Contact Standing Living
Contact Type INDIVIDUAL
Birth Date 04/28/1932
Public File YES
Mailing List
US Citizen No
Legacy Licensure Name ADAMS, BRANDON LOWRIE WEST

Contact 2011-161687
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Online Information

Comments: PRI FOR INGRID OLSEN, #2759, PRI FOR MELINDA MORRISON, #2853

Physician And Surgeon License [form letter]

Credential # MD.MD.00026765
Legacy License # MD00026765
Application Date
Effective Date 04/23/2010
Expiration Date 04/28/2012
First Issuance Date 09/10/1989
Last Date Of Contact
CE Due Date 04/28/2012

Credential Status ACTIVE (04/27/2010)
Status Reason ACTIVE
Amount Due \$0.00
Date Last Activity 8/23/2011 11:20:07 AM
Last Updated by Creighton, Vicki I
Certificate Sent Date 04/28/2010
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No active Supervises Data.

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Legacy Renewal Information
Legacy-Ontrack-Complainant

2011-162015



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION
PO Box 47866, Olympia, WA 98504-7866

January 26, 2012

Brandon Lowrie West Adams, MD
PO Box 626
Ilwaco, WA 98624

RE: Brandon Lowrie West Adams, MD
Case No. 2011-162015 MD00026765

Dear Dr. West Adams:

The Medical Quality Assurance Commission has completed its investigation. The Commission is committed to protecting the health and safety of the citizens of the state of Washington. The Commission takes every complaint seriously.

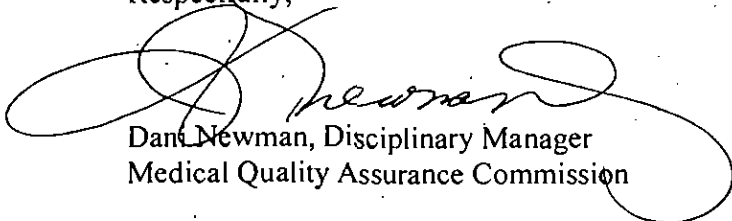
To take disciplinary action against a physician's license, the Commission is required to prove by clear and convincing evidence that the physician's conduct violated the law. After careful review of the information gathered during the investigation, the Commission determined that the evidence does not support a violation. Based on this review, the Commission closed the case.

Washington State law provides you with the right to submit an additional written statement if you wish. Any statement you provide will be added to the investigative file. The investigative file is subject to public release pursuant to the Washington State Public Records Act.

The Washington State Public Records Act also provides you with the right to request copies of documents from the investigative file. If you would like a copy of the investigative report, or copies of documents gathered during the investigation, please submit a request to the Department of Health, Public Disclosure Unit, PO Box 47865, Olympia, WA 98504-7865 or fax your request to 360-586-2171.

The Commission thanks you for your cooperation during this investigation. The Commission understands that being investigated is disconcerting and inconvenient. Many physicians use this experience to initiate a self-critique of their practice and, when indicated, modify or improve certain areas of a practice. Thank you again for your cooperation in this matter.

Respectfully,



Dant Newman, Disciplinary Manager
Medical Quality Assurance Commission



NOTICE

WAC 246-15-030, procedures for filing, investigation, and resolution of whistleblower complaints.

(1)(b) Instructs that staff will affix a permanent cover to the letter of complaint or other form of notice in the complaint file, noting the statutory citation concerning protecting the identity of the complainant.

(3)(c) Ensure upon case closure, that the permanent cover affixed in subsection (1)(c) of this section will remain.

RCW 43.70 provides that the identity of a whistleblower who complains in good faith to the Department of health about the improper quality of care by a health care provider as defined in RCW 43.72.010 **shall remain confidential**.

Pursuant to the above RCW and WAC it is staff's duty to see that the complainant's name or any information which may identify the complainant is not disclosed.

NOTICE

Medical Quality Assurance Commission
MEMORANDUM TO FILE

DATE: 14 November 2011

SUBJECT: Brandon ADAMS

FROM: Wayne Carlson

In a TC today, Michelle Carroll (DEA) stated that DEA agents had obtained the following information:

Last week, DEA agents attempted to interview patient [REDACTED] 4 - Healthcare Information Readily I... She was not home but her husband stated that she had been referred to ADAMS for pain management after numerous shoulder surgeries. The husband stated that [REDACTED] 4 - Healthcare Infor... quit seeing ADAMS after he "made advances." There was no further description of the encounter and DEA has not contacted the patient as of today.

They obtained the patient's name from a profile from Peninsula Pharmacy.

Carlson, Wayne (DOH)

From: Carroll, Michelle L. [Michelle.L.Carroll@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2011 11:06 AM
To: Carlson, Wayne (DOH)
Subject: Pamela Osborne

From: Tyree, David A.
Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2011 11:05 AM
To: Carroll, Michelle L.
Subject:

Ad Gearhart
1254 Chinook Lane, Seaside, Oregon

Special Agent David Tyree
Drug Enforcement Administration
Portland Oregon District Office
Seattle Field Division
503-721-6584 (desk)
503-793-1354 (mobile)

Medical Quality Assurance Commission

MEMORANDUM TO FILE

DATE: 13 December 2011

CASE # 2011-162015MD

SUBJECT: Patient interview re: Brandon ADAMS, MD

FROM: Wayne Carlson

On 12 Dec 2011, I interviewed patient [4 - Healthcare Information Readily I...] at her home in a small up-scale neighborhood in Gearhart, OR. She was pleasant and cooperative. She was reluctant to talk at first saying that she had already talked to law enforcement, but I explained that those were Federal officers and they referred the case to us. We investigated complaints involving physicians. She then agreed to talk.

I asked [4 - Healthcare Infor...] about her experience with ADAMS. She denied any problems and stated that he was a "sweetheart" and very kind to her. She stated that at one visit "years ago", ADAMS attempted to kiss her on the cheek, but she refused and he never attempted anything again.

The information I had was that she had quit seeing ADAMS, but [4 - Healthcare Infor...] stated that she has continued to see ADAMS until he was shut down. She was worried about where she could obtain her medications now as there are no pain management physicians in the area. She stated that ADAMS was shut down because of paperwork problems with Medicare.

I thanked [4 - Healthcare Infor...] for her input and concluded the interview at that point.

[4 - Healthcare Informati...]

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION
PO Box 47866, Olympia, WA 98504-7866

21 November 2011

Peninsula Pharmacy
101 First Ave South
PO Box B
Ilwaco, WA 97124

Re File #: 2011-162015MD

The Washington Medical Quality Assurance Commission has received a complaint and is investigating health care provided by Brandon Adams, MD.

The Medical Quality Assurance Commission is the entity within State government with legislated authority and responsibility to assure the delivery of safe health care. Under the provisions of RCW 18.130.050, the Medical Quality Assurance Commission is empowered to investigate all allegations and complaints to determine whether such allegations are substantiated and to take disciplinary or corrective action, if warranted.

Please be advised that this is a preliminary investigation only and no charges have been issued in connection with this investigation.

The Health Care Information Act, RCW 70.02.050 (2)(a), requires that a health care provider disclose health care information about a patient without patient authorization when the information is needed to determine compliance with state licensure rules or laws.

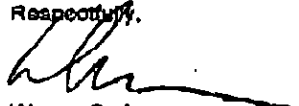
Under provisions of the above laws you are requested to provide a complete controlled substance prescribing profile for patient 4 - Healthcare Informat..., DOB UNK and Brandon Adams, MD for the period Jan 2010 to present.

Please send or fax copies of the records to:

Wayne Carlson
Medical Quality Assurance Commission
Department of Health
P.O. Box 47866
Olympia, WA 98504-7866
Fax: 360-588-4573

Thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully,


Wayne Carlson
Medical Investigator
Phone: 360-236-2774

* M E D I C A L E X P E N S E S

BGN DTE:01/01/2010 END 11/23/2011 *

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LONG BEACH PHARMACY

POBX 187,101 BOLSTAD AV.E

LONG BEACH, WA 98631-0187

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21 November 2011

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Wayne Carlson
Medical Quality Assurance Commission
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P.O. Box 47866
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Thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Carlson".

Wayne Carlson
Medical Investigator
Phone: 360-236-2774



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Redaction Summary (24 redactions)

4 Privilege / Exemption reasons used:

- 1 -- "Attorney Work Product - RCW 42.56.290" (1 instance)
- 2 -- "DOH Licensee Health Professional Home Address and/or Phone - RCW 42.56.350(2)" (1 instance)
- 3 -- "DOH Licensee Social Security Number - RCW 42.56.350(1)" (1 instance)
- 4 -- "Healthcare Information Readily Identifiable to a Person - RCW 42.56.360(2), RCW 70.02.020(1), RCW 42.56.070(1)" (21 instances)

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- Page 4, Attorney Work Product - RCW 42.56.290, 1 instance
- Page 8, Healthcare Information Readily Identifiable to a Person - RCW 42.56.360(2), RCW 70.02.020(1), RCW 42.56.070(1), 4 instances
- Page 13, Healthcare Information Readily Identifiable to a Person - RCW 42.56.360(2), RCW 70.02.020(1), RCW 42.56.070(1), 5 instances
- Page 15, Healthcare Information Readily Identifiable to a Person - RCW 42.56.360(2), RCW 70.02.020(1), RCW 42.56.070(1), 2 instances
- Page 19, DOH Licensee Health Professional Home Address and/or Phone - RCW 42.56.350(2), 1 instance
- Page 22, DOH Licensee Social Security Number - RCW 42.56.350(1), 1 instance
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